



PIONEER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE 49ERS



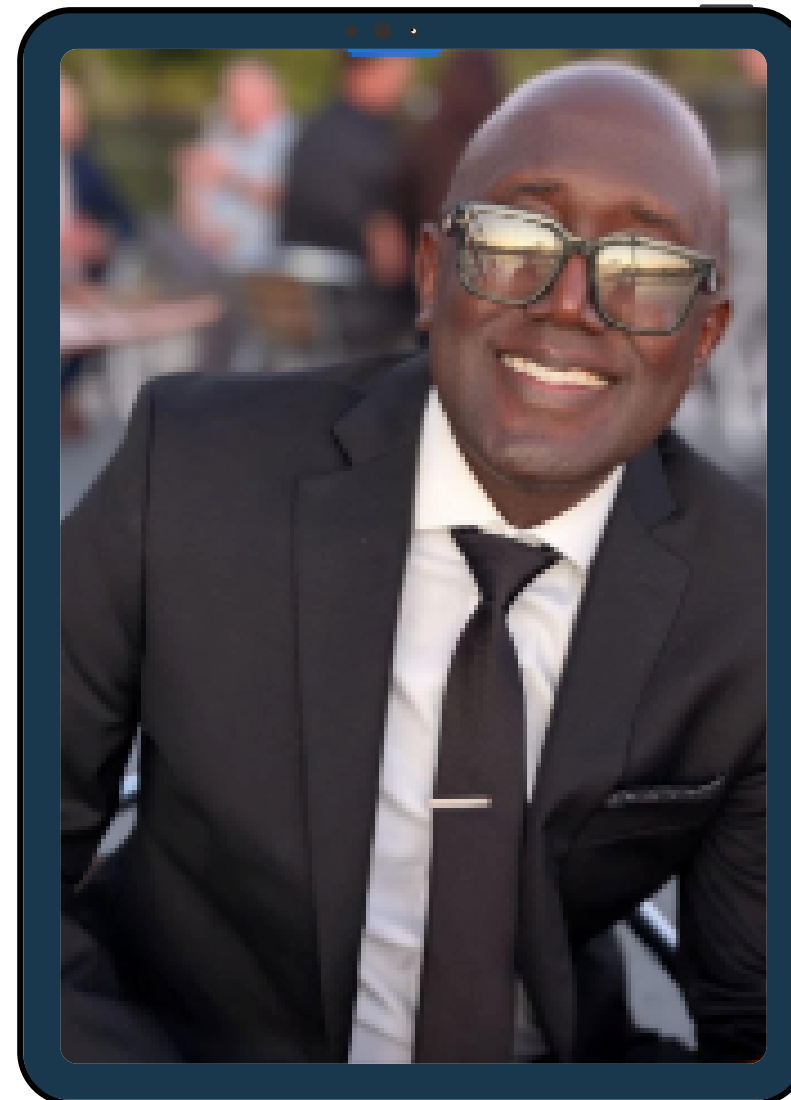
INCOMING 7TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

DR. KOTLEWSKI
Principal



MR. HALL
Assistant Principal



WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?!

Ms. Ridgeway
Last Names A - L

Ms. Arguello
Last Names M - Z



School Counselors help all students with...

- Work through Academic Struggles
- Social Emotional Needs and Lessons
- Be a sounding board when trying to talk with family, friends and/or teachers.
- Advice for your future and how to prepare for high school, college and beyond!



PJH SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

- Individual Student Support
- Classroom Presentations
- Short Lessons through PSN
- Outside Referrals for Counseling/Support
- School-wide activities and campaigns on social-emotional development
- Small Groups
 - Girls Circle/Boys Council
 - Miner Detour
 - Academic Bootcamp
 - Social Skills
 - AND MORE!
- Topics we will cover this year:
 - Study Skills / GPA
 - College and Career
 - Bullying Prevention
 - Coping Skills / Mindfulness
 - Preparing for High School
 - Internet / Social Media Use
 - Alcohol and Substance Abuse
 - SOS: Signs of Suicide
 - Inclusion
 - AND MORE!!!



WHAT IS JUNIOR HIGH?



WHAT THE JR. HIGH DAY LOOKS LIKE

Every day students will take these 6 classes.
In addition, they will have a HOMEROOM class to start the day



ENGLISH



MATH



HISTORY



SCIENCE



PE



ELECTIVE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

- PE Lockers/ Combination Locks
- Changing in the locker rooms
- **All of the AWESOME Sports!**



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

PERIOD	SUBJECT	TEACHER	ROOM	TIME	MINUTES
Homeroom		Mrs. Henderson	13	8:00–8:13	13
1	Science	Mr. Balcom	43	8:17–9:10	53
2	English	Mrs. Henderson	13	9:14–10:07	53
3	P.E.	Mr. Martin	PE	10:11–11:04	53
4	Math	Mrs. Banh	44	11:08–12:01	53
Lunch				12:01–12:31	30
5	Chorus	Mr. Harrison	MPR	12:25–1:28	53
6	History	Mr. Cassidy	19	1:32–2:25	53

School Hours Now 8:00–2:25 PM. Early out every Wed. at 1:25 PM

SPECIAL EDUCATION/ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Please note that we work closely with the Elementary Case Carriers and district support staff.

We are prepared to support your kids appropriately when they arrive.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TEACHERS!

- Even though your child is expressing his/her independence, he/she still wants (and needs) your support and guidance.
- Talk to your child about school and his/her personal and school life.
- Help your child be his/her own advocate. Encourage him/her to discuss concerns directly with the teachers.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TEACHERS!

- Praise your child's effort and achievement.
- Always feel free to contact the school (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc) when concerns arise.

**KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S
FRIENDS!!!!**



PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- PTSA
- Back to School Night
- Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences
- Career Day
- School Site Council Committee
- Volunteer

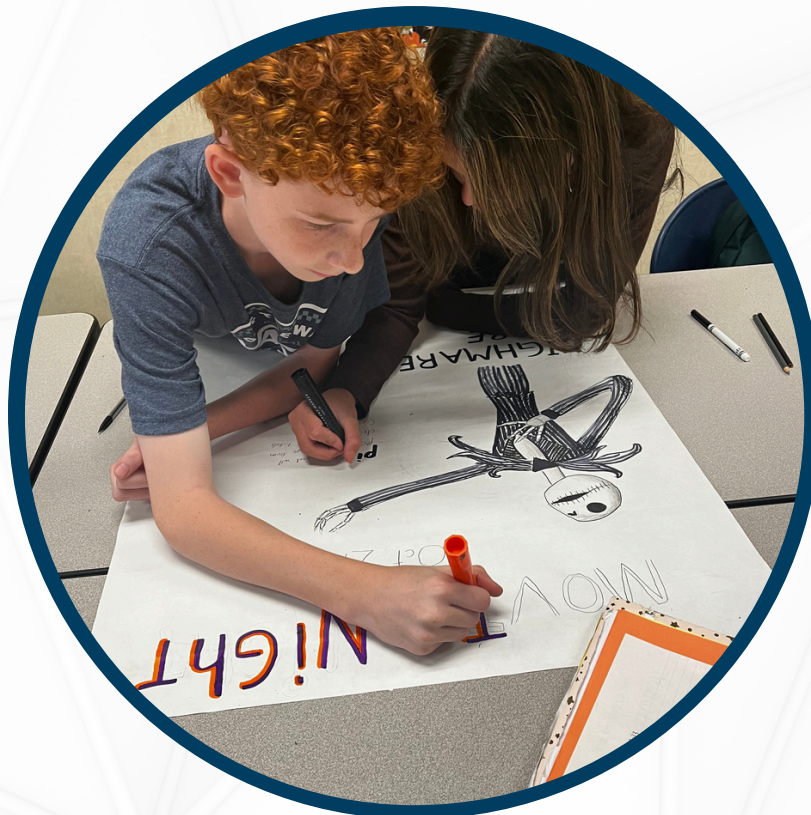
YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS MORE THAN EVER, AS YOUR CHILD GETS OLDER!

THE ELECTIVE WHEEL: FOCUS ON SUCCESS, ART & TECHNOLOGY



FOCUS ON SUCCESS

A course which teaches and enhances academic skills following the AVID strategies. Student learn to be prepared and apply organizational skills to all classes, as well as practice goal setting, and career readiness.



ART

This is an introductory course in art. Students will create original artworks through exploration in various art-making styles, media, and technique. Focus will be given to developing a student's artistic perception and increasing creative expression.



TECHNOLOGY

Using modeling and simulations, students will experience and apply selected basic elements of technology. Techniques of problem solving will be introduced. Students will touch on coding, engineering and more!

YEARLONG CLASS - YOU WILL TAKE ALL 3 CLASSES & STUDENTS CANNOT CHOSE ORDER

CHORUS

- Year-long elective
- Open to both 7th and 8th graders
- No audition or any previous choir experience needed
- Learn how to sing in a fun, positive, and supportive environment
- Performs at scheduled Pioneer school events and District Choral Performances.
- Being a part of choir is a positive way to build friendships in junior high



BAND

- Open to ANY student regardless of experience.
- Class will focus on fundamental techniques and beginning music theory.
- Performs at a band festival and concerts at Upland High School.
- Pioneer has a limited amount of instruments for you to borrow.
 - Band consists of Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion sections.



JAZZ BAND

- Meets before school at 7 am (Zero Period)
- Auditions at the beginning of next school year!
- Jazz Band is a supplemental band class



YELLOW PRE-ENROLLMENT CARD

Upland Unified School District 2026-2027 ENROLLMENT for Pioneer Junior High 7th Grade

Elementary School: Upland's Favorite Elementary School	Teacher: Mrs. Wonderful
Student Name: Mikey Miner	Primary Phone: (555) 777-7777
Address: 222 Home St. Upland, 91784	Parent/Guardian email: BestParent@gmail.com

Parent/Guardian signature: Mrs. Miner

Choose Your Elective Class - ALL electives are for ONE year

1. **(REQUIRED)** My **ONE** elective choice is: **(check only one)**

CHORUS WHEEL (ALL: Focus on Success/Art/Technology)
*subject to change

BAND

2. If you chose Band, please list your band instrument of choice? (Band experience **NOT** required)

Instrument: _____

Optional Electives* (check any that apply): YEARBOOK Advanced Chorus (choose Chorus in 1.)

NOTE: An **application is required for these electives. If you are selected for any of these optional elective choices, this will be your elective **instead** of the choice in #1.*

PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD AND ANY OPTIONAL ELECTIVE APPLICATIONS TO YOUR 6TH GRADE TEACHER BY MARCH 9th

**PARENT
MUST SIGN!**

**HAVE A
PARENT
FILL OUT**

OPTIONAL ELECTIVES

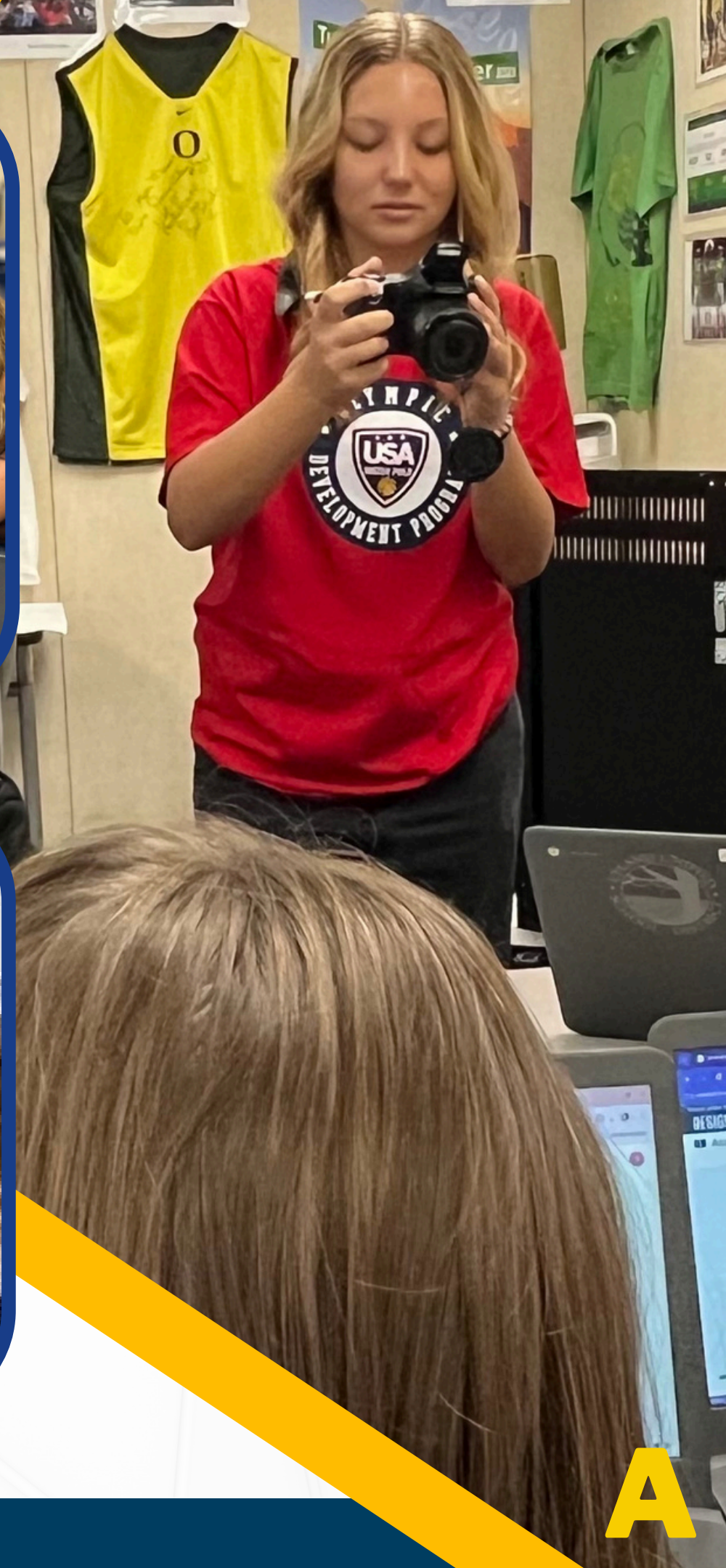
The next 2 electives require you to fill out an
APPLICATION.

If selected for these electives,
it will **REPLACE** the one you choose
as your first choice!

YEARBOOK

- Students in this class will be interviewing other students, interacting with teachers, capturing images of student life at Pioneer, and attending all after-school events. Students will learn how to write stories and captions for photographs. They will learn about yearbook design and how to use a yearbook publishing program. There is extensive use of computers in this class.

Students should have STRONG WRITING SKILLS during 6th grade.



ADVANCED CHORUS

- Interest Form to audition for Advanced Chorus.
- Local performances, benefits, sports games, Disneyland
- Mr. Harrison will contact parents/students.
- Students should choose CHORUS on their Yellow Elective Form
- Will replace Chorus if selected for Advanced Chorus.



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AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS



FALL

Volleyball
Flag Football



WINTER

Soccer
Basketball



SPRING

Track & Field

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Lunchtime Activities
- Clubs/Dances
- Student Recognition Spirit Assemblies
- Activity Day (Main Event/Knott's)
- Field Day
- Music performances
- Honor Roll Lunch
- WEB Applause Days (4 times a year!)
- Career Day
- March Madness!

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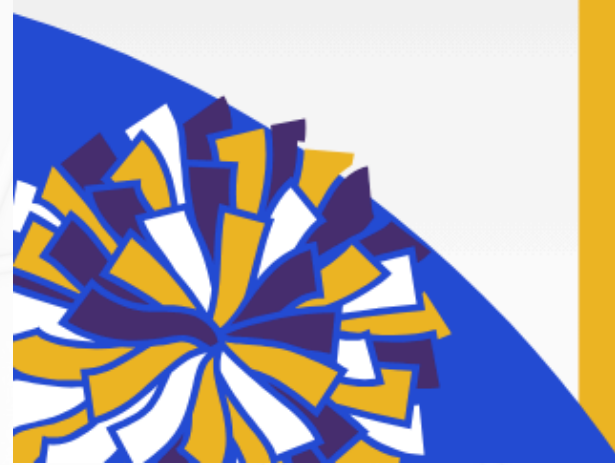
PIONEER PEP SQUAD 26/27 SCHOOL YEAR



The Pioneer Junior High Pep Squad is looking for high-energy, dedicated, and positive students to lead the pride next school year!!!

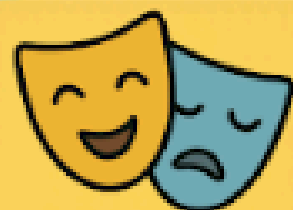
To sign up to receive information about our spring tryout and review our FAQ sheet

**Scan the QR code above or email:
jamie_knoop@upland.k12.ca.us**

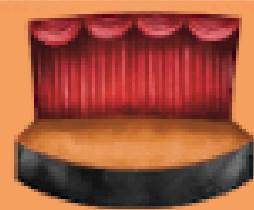


Dive Into Drama!

Join Our After School Theatre Program



Introduction
to Theatre!



Parts of
the Stage



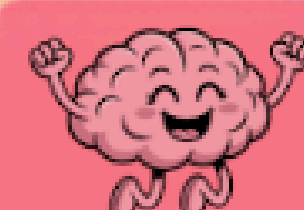
Improvisation
Skills



Collaboration



Acting Skills



Memorization
Skills



Emotions
Facial Expressions



Movement



Voice & Line
Delivery



Audition Skills



Performance
Reflection

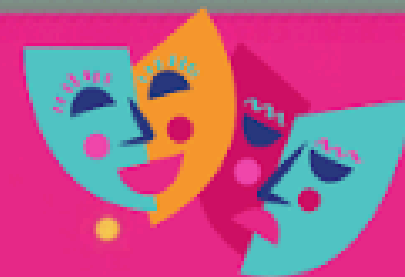


Jobs in the
Industry

Tues & Thurs : 2:35-3:35PM

Application Required

Applications Available on the First Day of School







LUNCH

Pie your teacher
12/15 @ Winter Social
Nelson, Arguella, Pulido, Cassidy, Dixon, Hackbarth
2 tickets

GAMES





Where Everyone Belongs

Peer Support Program

Each 7th grade student is assigned two WEB Leaders

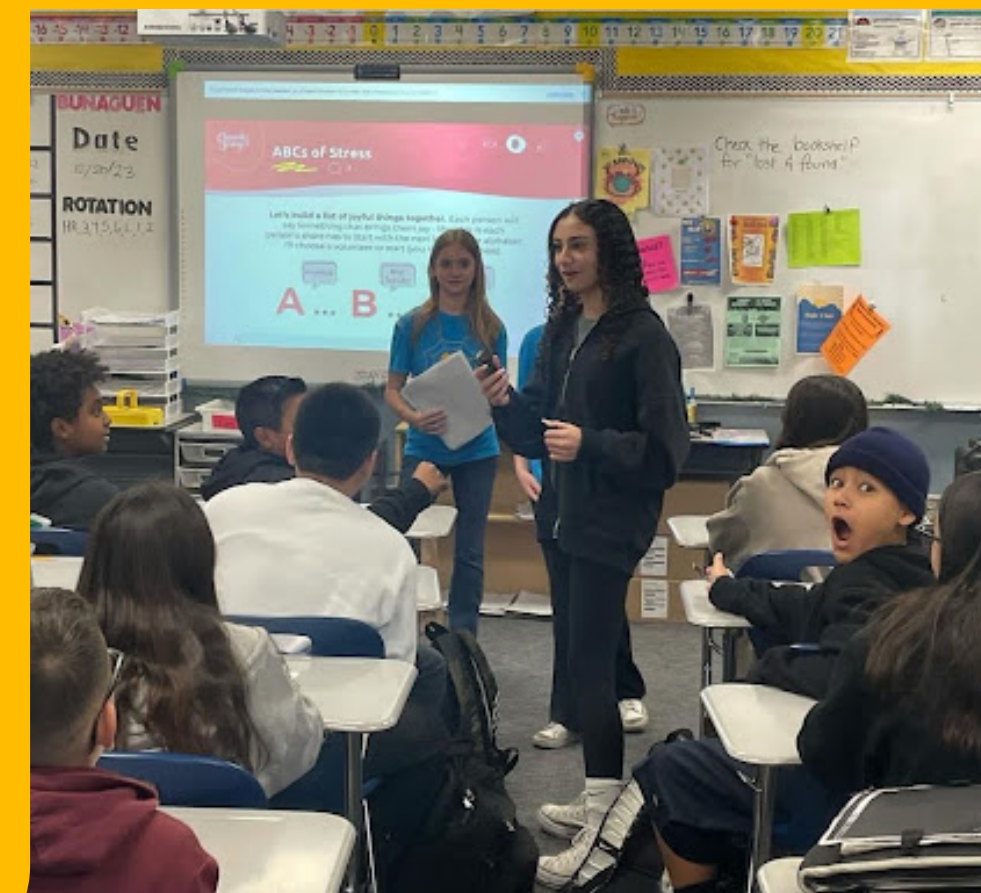
WEB Leaders

- Facilitate New Student Orientation/WEB Day-August 17th
- Hosts social and academic events for 7th grade students

WEB Alerts- mentorship support throughout the year

WEB Lessons in 7th Grade Homerooms

Us on Social Media!!! Instagram @pjh.web



SOCIAL MEDIA



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**Parents Guide
to Roblox**



**Parents Guide
to Discord**



**Parents Guide
to Instagram**



**Parents Guide
to Snapchat**



Changes...

You can expect



Increased Academic & Personal Responsibility

- Planning for high school, college, and career
- On average 30 min per subject of homework
- Learning to self-advocate
- Learning how to use their Planner & Aeries Gradebook



Aeries

Pioneer Junior High School											
	Name	Term	Per	Teacher	%	Avg	Current Mark	Trend	Missing Assignment	Past 5 Days	Last Updated
Details	Acc History 7 - Tri 2	Trimester 2	1	Balcom, J.	92.38		A-	Details	0	- - - - -	Feb 27
Details	PE 7/8	Trimester 2	2	Marquez	92.04		A	Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 03
Details	P3 7/8 Compact - 2nd Tri	Trimester 2	2	Davis	90.45		A-	Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 01
Details	Science 7 per 4 - TRI 2	Trimester 2	4	Balcom, K.	94.51		A	Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 04
Details	7th Grade P5 (T2)	Trimester 2	5	Perkins	89.57		B+	Details	1	- - - - -	Feb 26
Details	Exp Tech 7	Trimester 2	Per.6	Marshall	96.36		A	Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 01

Continuously evolving gradebook via AERIES





Aeries

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Details	English 7 - T2	Trimester 2	1	Corral	74.37		C	Details	5	- - - - -	Mar 04
Details	P.2 Science 7 - Tri 2	Trimester 2	2	Abasta, J.	48.20		F	Details	2	- - - - -	Feb 27
Details	P.3 Math 7 - Tri 2	Trimester 2	3	Abasta, J.	55.17		F	Details	8	- - - - -	Mar 04
Details	History p.4 Trimester 2	Trimester 2	4	Allen	71.05		C-	Details	3	- - - - -	Feb 15
Details	PE 7/8	Trimester 2	5	Pulido, M.	90.23		A-	Details	1	- - - - -	Mar 01
Details	Exp Tech 7	Trimester 2	Per.6	Marshall	65.85		D	Details	1	- - - - -	Mar 01

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Aeries

6- Science 7 - T2- Trimester 2 12/4/2023 - 3/15/2024

Table View

Options: Duncan, R. robyn_duncan@upland.k12.ca.us

Show only missing assignments

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#	Description	Category	Score	# Correct	%	Comment	Date Completed	Due Date	Grading Complete	Documents
+ 22	#10 Seed Dispersal Reflection	Assignments	0 / 25	0 / 10	0.00%	You did not turn in your assignment...turn in before 2/27 for partial credit		02/15/2024	02/15/2024	Yes
+ 23	#11 Frog Dissection Handout	Assignments	0 / 25	0 / 10	0.00%	absent; See the absent links on the website for Tuesday, February 20 - Day 103		02/23/2024	02/23/2024	Yes
+ 24	Unit 4 Human Body Grade Check	Assignments	/ 160	0 / 160	0.00%	absent; you need to turn this in ASAP!			02/27/2024	Yes
+ 25	Edpuzzle-Genetics	Assignments	5.6 / 10	56 / 100	56.00%	Your score is based from the accuracy you received when completing the edpuzzle. Score out of 100 percent.		02/26/2024	02/26/2024	Yes
+ 26	ISN page 28 (5 questions)	Assignments	/ 10	0 / 10	0.00%	absent; See Monday, February 26 - Day 107 Today's slideshow for information. Bring your ISN to Mrs. Duncan before or after school by 3/6 for credit. No credit after that.			02/27/2024	Yes
+ 27	Human Body Project/Presentations	Assignments	75 / 100	75 / 100	75.00%	Your grade included the Peer Evaluation which you did not submit (-10%). Otherwise thanks for trying but you had some details missing...		02/05/2024	02/05/2024	Yes
+ 28	TCI Lesson 8-Inv 1 Model	Assignments	15 / 20	15 / 20	75.00%	Good start with the "Exhibit" but you needed to make sure it included: where the gene is located; what the gene produces; how the protein contributes to glowing; how a single-celled organism could cause entire waves to glow...		03/04/2024	03/04/2024	Yes
+ 29	Genetics Vocabulary TEST	Testing	/ 100	0 / 35	0.00%				03/06/2024	No



A FEW HELPFUL SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

- Cell Phone Policy
- Smart Watches, Airpods & other electronic devices
- Attendance & Tardies
- Gum Free School
- Cross the street using crosswalks



- All shirts and tops must cover the upper body, shoulders, and midriff
- Sleeves on shirts and dresses
- Skirts/shorts - ends of fingers and palm meet
- Hats have a 1" brim (no baseball caps)
- No pajamas/slippers/slides (must have heel coverage. Crocs in sport-mode)

***See Student Planner for additional student expectations**

PBIS

- Schoolwide positive recognition program
 - Miner Tickets
 - WEB Applause Day
 - ASB Assembly Recognitions.

Honor Roll

- Students need to have a 3.5 GPA for the trimester
- Honor Roll Lunch

Presidential Honor Roll

- Awarded to students who maintain a 3.5 GPA for the first 5 consecutive trimesters or an overall GPA of 3.75

Homeroom Competitions



Positive Incentives

P.B.I.S. / Discipline

➔ What is Positive Behavior Intervention Support?

- A proactive approach that supports a positive school culture so that all students can succeed academically and behaviorally

➔ Pioneer PRIDE (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Demonstrate Safety, Empathy)

- Students are taught how to appropriately act in all areas of campus (classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, eating areas, entering/exiting campus, etc.)
- Every 6 weeks school-wide recognition occurs for students meeting expectations or re-teaching for students needing additional support

➔ Restorative Practices: Restore Peer Relationships

➔ Progressive Discipline Model: Ed. Code & District Board Policy



Class Schedule Pick Up

Must have your online Registration Packet complete!

Tuesday, August 18th

- P.E. Clothes . . . \$25
- P.E. sweatshirt (optional) . . . \$20
- Yearbook . . . \$50

(Price will increase after registration day to \$60)

****PRICES MAY CHANGE****



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENTS ONLY

March 9th

Deadline to turn in your elective registration

April 29th

Pioneer Showcase
(Open House)

5:30-7 PM
(bring the whole family!)

August 1st

Registration information available on PJH website

August 17th

7th Grade Orientation

WEB Day

August 18th

Registration / Schedule Pick up day. All paperwork completed-
Emergency card, proof of TDAP, etc.

August 24th

First day of JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL !!!

Changes...



Ready or not.... “CHANGE” is coming

QUESTIONS?

STUDENTS WITH LAST NAME A – L, COUNSELOR – LEE RIDGEWAY

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STUDENTS WITH LAST NAME M – Z, COUNSELOR – AMBER ARGUELLO

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – JUSTIN HALL

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PRINCIPAL – DR. CHRIS KOTLEWSKI

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